

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1955

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1955 -

Males - 336,070

Females - 316,716

Persons - 652,786

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1954 -

Persons - 354,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	MAY		Five Months ended MAY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Marriages - Number	421	417	2,356	2,374
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.57	7.70	8.73	9.04
Births - Number	1,498	1,321	6,849	6,454
* Rate per 1000 of Population	26.95	24.39	25.39	24.57
Deaths - Number	422	414	2,037	1,977
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.59	7.64	7.55	7.53
Infant - Number	36	23	161	123
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	24.03	17.41	23.51	19.06
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	1	6	12	15
Malignant neoplasms	64	54	283	316
Diabetes mellitus	5	4	21	17
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	9	11
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	41	43	227	223
Diseases of the heart	124	129	598	584
Hypertension with heart disease	9	12	66	58
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	10	29	31
Arteriosclerosis	9	9	48	55
Influenza	1	1	3	3
Pneumonia	14	17	66	63
Bronchitis	9	2	16	11
Other respiratory disease	10	4	22	17
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	12	21
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	1	12	16
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	-	4	4
Cirrhosis of the liver	-	5	5	9
Nephritis and nephrosis	6	7	22	28
Disease of the prostate	7	7	22	17
Natural causes	2	1	6	5
Diseases of early infancy	20	16	89	76
Motor Vehicle accidents	13	14	88	70
Other accidents	20	12	112	91
Suicide	3	6	31	28
All other causes	52	49	234	208
Total:	422	414	2,037	1,977

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June, 1955, totalled 347,905 acres, a decrease of 205,906 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,141,928 acres, a decrease of 592,373.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,731,902	5,379,390	45,719,846	43,145,840
Revenue per Head of Population	8. 14. 9	8. 8. 4	70. 9. 6	68. 8. 3
Expenditure	5,366,519	4,467,873	46,203,889	43,248,519
Expenditure per Head of Population	8. 3. 8	6. 19. 10	71. 4. 5	68. 11. 7

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 30th June, 1955, amounted to £53,628,939 or £81.12.7 per head of population as against £52,614,379 or £82.4.11 per head as at the 30th June last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for 5 weeks ended 29th June, 1955, amounted to £12,935,529 compared with £13,011,178 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,685	2,463	22,220	24,908
	£.	2,766,051	3,415,770	34,441,159	36,959,751
Mortgages	No.	1,251	1,808	16,550	20,328
	£.	2,326,987	3,240,477	31,461,588	33,034,372
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	889	1,063	11,146	13,055

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
June, 1955	3,413,951	2,215,653	9,361,645	395,359
June, 1954	3,686,691	1,938,250	9,716,671	494,395
Twelve Months ended June, 1955	45,588,747	25,345,986	110,494,198	5,637,959
Twelve Months ended June, 1954	41,867,720	25,494,818	98,932,241	5,870,147

COMPANIES REGISTERED

256 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £30,273,601 and 100 Foreign Companies were registered during the twelve months ended June, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 219 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £15,119,103 and 86 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Twelve Months ended JUNE					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	63	146,094	57,284	51	148,038	101,151
Deeds of Assignment (a)	31	126,151	142,945	23	206,065	261,857
Deeds of Arrangement	1	1,223	274	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,128,200	1,056,700	11,454,400	10,386,235
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,185,868	1,215,681	12,443,057	12,577,479
Train Miles Run No.	688,759	626,824	7,091,643	6,599,329
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 136,279	(b) 151,312	(c) 1,371,881	(c) 1,671,997
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,162,088	953,722	9,197,573	7,995,409
Motor Bus No.	32,263	34,404	326,137	492,183
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	322,740	291,113	3,027,871	2,811,214
Livestock	9,080	6,734	118,091	114,831
Departmental (Free Freight)	70,110	78,567	821,983	744,209
Total:	401,930	376,414	3,967,945	3,670,254
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	51,028,758	46,901,713	497,838,794	476,350,201
Livestock	1,309,049	746,061	15,683,136	14,787,574
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,864,835	9,016,025	101,406,169	100,912,669
Total:	60,202,642	56,663,799	614,928,099	592,050,444

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 30th April.

(c) Period ended 30th April.

* Figures liable to revision.

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
<u>1955 -</u>								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104
March	670	224	1	65	1,145	497	4	103
April	576	187	-	48	971	383	-	88
May	581	213	1	67	999	489	8	106

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1952 -</u>								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
<u>1953 -</u>								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886
<u>1955 -</u>								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037
February	53,075	22,093	590	9,699	85,797	59,931	1,131	14,427
March	53,656	22,225	562	9,644	87,219	60,793	1,133	14,594
April	54,105	22,367	560	9,628	87,473	60,217	1,119	14,313

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for April, 1955:-
95 Cars; 770 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, May 1955 and 1954, and eleven months ended May 1955 and 1954, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		11 Months ended MAY		MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
	4,652	3,494	45,747	38,441	6,069	5,316	66,888	68,284
Interstate	6,788	6,178	82,753	74,262	1,452	2,008	19,664	18,080
Total:	11,440	9,672	128,500	112,703	7,521	7,324	86,552	86,364

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955 - March Qr.	671	1,916	1,272	3,610	32	1,235	185	1,573	2,160	8,334

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955 - March Qr.	685	2,449	30	70	1,158	2,760	1	1	1,874	5,280

GOLD PRODUCTION

	JUNE		6 Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
GOLD				
Quantity Fine ozs.	64,201	66,055	428,885	430,923
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	1,003,134	1,032,110	6,701,317	6,693,269
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	195,000	195,000	898,466	705,758

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Metropolitan Area	2905	2832	2843	2727	2569	2475	2524	2366
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3063	2899	2983	2822	2497	2418	2457	2392
Northam	2967	2807	2894	2724	2523	2395	2479	2357
Bunbury	3006	2849	2902	2757	2586	2403	2529	2365
Geraldton	2987	2852	2923	2793	2690	2550	2655	2476
Collie	3008	2878	2929	2791	2379	2292	2336	2258

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1954			1955		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	133,021	41,620	174,641	135,624	42,794	178,418
February	133,165	42,375	175,540	135,417	43,730	179,147
March	133,924	42,595	176,519	136,290	44,016	180,306
April	133,517	42,811	176,328	136,524	43,893	180,417
May	134,347	42,768	177,115	136,357	43,878	180,235
June	134,969	42,685	177,754			
July	134,232	42,947	177,179			
August	134,960	42,933	177,893			
September	134,947	43,186	178,133			
October	135,008	43,559	178,567			
November	135,645	43,962	179,607			
December	135,481	44,179	179,660			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	208	214	213	226	233
February	212	216	217	228	235
March	215	216	220	231	236
April	215	215	221	230	236
May	216	214	222	231	236
June	215	211	220	230	
July	218	211	221	229	
August	217	212	221	229	
September	216	211	223	228	
October	217	212	224	230	
November	217	213	227	231	
December	215	213	227	232	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1954, are preliminary.

December	215	215	227	232
November	217	215	227	231
October	217	215	224	230

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February	212	216	217	228
March	215	216	220	231
April	215	215	221	230
May	216	214	222	231
June	215	211	220	230
July	218	211	221	229
August	217	212	221	229
September	216	211	223	228
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December	215	213	227	232

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September	216	211	223	228
October	217	212	224	230
November	217	213	227	231
December	215	213	227	232

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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27/7/53	12.	6.	6	8.	0.	3	12.	6.	0
							7.	19.	11
							12.	9.	4
							8.	2.	1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	42,924	36,797	462,394	400,776
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	38,262	32,827	413,606	358,723

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
June, 1955	18,029	301	78,160	12,619
June, 1954	15,662	458	56,586	7,108
12 Months ended June, 1955	130,036	4,306	1,145,296	164,371
12 Months ended June, 1954	117,623	5,395	1,035,746	104,439

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955 -										
January	409	216	194	93	603	309	12	14	251	128
February	484	137	179	54	663	191	14	7	213	66
March	377	155	192	69	569	224	7	7	223	89
April (a)	469	184	157	79	626	263	11	11	186	114
May	475	155	167	69	642	224	9	5	198	93
Total 5 Months ended May	2,214	847	889	364	3,103	1,211	53	44	1,071	490

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JUNE		12 Months Ended JUNE	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	1,047	1,471	8,720	10,398
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	786	1,269	12,399	10,061
- Clay	'000	9,709	9,052	103,930	96,174
Cement, Portland	ton	12,600	11,891	139,669	125,466
Enamels	gal.	2,911	5,735	39,086	47,543
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	205	198	2,533	2,302
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	14,561	22,030	225,728	200,284
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	843	907	10,774	9,588
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a) 20,837	(a) 18,695	(b) 201,250	(b) 197,276
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,557	1,097	12,130	10,304
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	725	2,669	22,043	26,857
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,479	4,812	50,424	51,334
Sports Coats Men's	no.	249	538	7,904	8,776
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	303	477	3,863	5,321
- 2 piece	no.	1,792	2,225	23,467	25,901
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	4,402	4,056	51,041	55,361
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	11,501	16,485	146,740	156,051
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	36,311	46,336	414,328	513,706
Sandals	pair	222	2,291	132,832	127,466
Slippers	pair	31,482	53,439	399,089	611,310
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	578	523	7,415	7,723
Butter	'000 lb.	1,229	1,013	16,089	14,028
Cheese	'000 lb.	128	197	2,403	2,823
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	324	307	3,748	3,452
Jams	'000 lb.	54	76	614	837
Margarine	'000 lb.	128	65	1,236	1,214
Oatmeal	cwt.	3,774	6,792	49,141	100,514
Sauce - Tomato	pint	51,858	68,165	629,376	656,861
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	129	120	1,394	1,377
- Nitric	cwt.	50	20	230	220
- Sulphuric	ton	15,640	14,466	166,698	148,166
Cycles, Pedal	no.	315	586	7,591	8,407
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	133	131	1,453	1,443
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,683	1,655	21,875	20,448
- Woven Wire	no.	4,672	3,826	35,228	30,786
- Soft Filled	no.	3,096	3,360	41,734	44,721
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	72	82	1,046	1,112
Utilities (all types)	no.	18	32	324	232
Trailers (all types)	no.	25	16	245	192
Perambulators	no.	48	76	754	1,066

(a) May figures, June unavailable.

(b) Eleven months ended May.

